UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 18, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68.

SAC Robert Jensen of the Memphis Office has advised that he was contacted by Inspector N. E. Zachary of the Memphis Police Department. Memphis authorities have obtained a warrant for the arrest of Galt on a murder charge but are desirous of meeting with the FBI so that the matter can be presented to a local grand jury. Inspector Zachary advised that the Attorney General of the Memphis District, Phil Canale, is desirous of presenting the matter to a grand jury as soon as possible. Inspector Zachary has advised that perhaps Canale would be calling the Attorney General concerning this matter.

It is noted that the Memphis Police Department is aware of the items which were abandoned near the scene of the shooting in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. These articles had first been turned over to the Memphis Police and were made available to the FBI by Inspector Zachary. It has been publicly stated in the press that the FBI has traced the rifle to a gun shop in Birmingham, Alabama, and also that the telescopic sight which was mounted on the rifle had been purchased from the same dealer. The Memphis police are, of course, aware that the binoculars abandoned at the scene were purchased in Memphis, Tennessee.

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It has also been publicly stated that Galt is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang which had been abandoned in Atlanta and was located on 4/11/68.

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Inspector Zachary and the Memphis Police Department have been most cooperative. They turned the original material over to us which they found abandoned at the scene of the crime. They could have retained this if they desired to; however, they did not. They turned it over to the FBI Office in Memphis. The Prosecutor has filed murder charges against Galt, which are presently outstanding.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

It is recommended the SAC at Memphis advise the Prosecutor of information which is contained in our press release. In the event he asks for a report in order to present the matter to a grand jury, he should be advised the FBI is presently conducting an all-out investigation in the matter and at the appropriate time will cooperate fully.

OK. I assume we have already returned to Police the evidence which they previously turned over to us with the Laboratory Report upon such.